RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MAY 1 8 2004

Appl. No.

: 09/471,093

Confirmation No. 6993

OFFICIAL

Applicant

:

: Trevor D. Corkum, et al.

Filed

: December 23, 1999

TC/A.U.

: 2663

Examiner

: Soon D. Hyun

Docket No.

: 71493-629

Customer No.

: 07380

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 18, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and an annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing sheets is attached following page 14 of this paper.